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REMARKS

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1. Prior to 21 November 1952,  a Czech motorized infantry unit in the "Obrancu Zapadnich Hranic" barracks installation 200 meters north-east of the railroad station, on the east side of ul. Spidrova in Vimperk (N 50/Q 46). On 20 September 1952,  2,400 men leaving the barracks installation for a review. On 9 May 1952,  75 2.5-ton or 3-ton trucks which left the installation for another review and included 20 to 25 Canadian-made Chevrolet vehicles towing AT guns and 50 Czech Model RN Praga 2.5-ton and RND Praga (Diesel) 3-ton trucks; some of these towed mortars. Last in mid-September 1952,  three former German tanks of the "Turtle" type (helvy) at the installation which came from an exercise. The only officer  identified was Senior Captain Churan, (fau)

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2. Other billets in the former Steinbrenner factory quartered 100 to 120 infantrymen, who belonged to the unit located in the installation described in paragraph 1.  they were veterans.  the only recruits  were at the barracks installation mentioned in paragraph 1.

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3. Hotel Vltava, formerly Hotel Passau, quartered bachelor officers.<sup>1</sup>

4. Prior to July 1952,  a large military construction project which covered an area of about 350 meters square on the south side of the Vimperk-Kasperske Hory (N 50/Q 27) road, about 2.5 km west of Vimperk and 100 meters southwest of the branching point of the road to the town of Paseka, 7 km west of Vimperk. A cableway, which came from the Brloch railroad station, ended at the middle section of the south edge of the site, 200 meters from a long-distance pipe line of undetermined purpose, which also came from the Brloch railroad station. In September 1952, Ruzicki, (fau), head of the central construction department of the Armstavfirm in Prague said that a rocket take-off ground (odpaliste raketovych strel) was being built in this area. He emphasized that the project was no airfield. The labor force included about 200 civilian workers and 200 soldiers of a labor unit.<sup>2</sup>  eight underground concrete structures in the northeastern corner of the area. They were arranged in a

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line, were partitioned by concrete walls, 2 meters thick, and had entrances 4 meters square. The concrete ceiling was about 80 cm thick, and only slightly projected from the ground. [redacted] two two-story buildings under construction, one on the northern edge and the other in the northwestern corner of the site.

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1. [redacted] Comment. This barracks installation quarters the 26th Mz Rifle Regt including headquarters, regimental units and the II and III Bns, which by the present report is confirmed up to November 1952. It is believed, that the I Bn, which is stationed at Kasperske Hory, also has the number of personnel cited. The 75 trucks counted are not all trucks in stock at the regiment. A previous report in November 1951 indicated that the regiment was equipped with about 100 trucks at that time. [redacted] Reference report stated that the former Steimbrenner factory housed elements of the III Bn and that the Vltava Hotel quartered the regimental band.

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2. [redacted] Comment. The large construction project west of the city was mentioned in a previous report. [redacted] The information on the individual installations of the project is not definitely clear. It is doubted that [redacted] a rocket take-off ground.

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